

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
Claretian Missionaries, C.M.F.
617 So. Santa Rosa Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas 78207

June 22, 1969

My dear Parishioners

It is important that I state before I leave for my new destination the deepest sentiments that are within my heart after three years of pastorate and superiorship of this parish and community of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at 617 South Santa Rosa Boulevard in the city of San Antonio.

First, and most significantly, I am very thankful to the Almighty God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Anthony Mary Claret, for having brought about during these three years, the renovation of the church and the parish house, and the grounds. (The parish plant has been awarded three citations by the city authorities for the beautification done here.)

I am thoroughly thankful to God for my Claretian vocation. It is because of it that the Almighty God has given me during these three years the means and ways to transform this place, hallowed and sanctified since 1902 by the Claretian Fathers. Through this renovation I feel most happy that our forefathers have now a fitting, lasting, and beautiful monument. These great Claretian Fathers that established their first foundation on this site deserve the honor of being remembered and revered by the best of memorials for their dedicated lives, that are such an admiration for us who are called to follow their footsteps for the glory of God in the quest for souls.

Now, my dear parishioners, one more pastor is going away from your midst. This time it is I. I have prayed and worked for you the best I could. I came to you after undergoing four major operations a few months before in Phoenix, Arizona. Many times it was hard going, but your prayers and understanding made it easier and even pleasant. The All-Merciful God rewarded us with many conversions. This is my greatest joy in being a father of souls. My eternal thanks to God for having been among you.

It is my great duty to continue to pray for you and I rely on your prayers for the spiritual success of my future ministry. I am going to my new destination with a happy heart, because I am not only a priest but a religious, and, as a religious I believe in holy obedience. The will of God is manifested to us by our superiors, therefore, there is nothing heroic in being transferred to another place.

I know you will receive my successor, already so well known and qualified and who previously spent many years in this city, Father Raymond Catalan as the one God sends you and because of this will obey and revere God in him.

My address will be: Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
1119 Westchester Place
Los Angeles, California 90019

Now I leave you all in the Immaculate Heart of our dearest Mother. Remain ever there in our haven and our heaven on earth.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
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July 29, 1969

Mrs. William A. Hart, Jr.
6241 North Kenmore
Chicago, Illinois 60626

Dear Mrs. Hart:

Thank you for your kind letter requesting my prayers
on behalf of your daughter, Julie.

She is in my prayers. I pray that our Blessed Mother
may open her Immaculate Heart to Julie and console
her broken heart, and I invoke the powerful inter-
cession of St. Anthony Claret to obtain the necessary
graces from Almighty God for Julie's eternal happiness.

Your generous donation was received and with gratitude
I thank you for your thoughtfulness. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

(Rev.) Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

July 31, 1969

Mrs. John Hartwig
1455 South State 185
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mrs. Hartwig:

With gratitude I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for the happy repose of the soul of Dr. Frank A. Zastrow (2 Masses) E. James Smith, Catherine Breen, and Clarence A. Hartwig. The Holy Masses have been celebrated.

It would give me great pleasure to speak with you. Please feel free to call me. I am now at my new assignment at the Provincial Residence.

You and Mr. Hartwig are in my prayers and in your charity may I ask that you remember our missionaries with your good prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

(Rev.) Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

July 31, 1969

Mrs. Edward B. Heinz
937 West Pioneer Drive
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Mrs. Heinz:

This letter is a bit tardy but I did want to thank you for your request for my prayers and generous donation. I am most grateful.

You, your husband, mother and family have been in my prayers.

In your charity may I ask that you also remember our missionaries with your good prayers. May God bless all of you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

(Rev.) Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 5, 1969

Mrs. Dorothy Harvey
8962 Pebble Beach Circle
Westminster, California 92683

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

With gratitude I acknowledge receipt of your generous offering. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions, thanking Almighty God for the many graces He has granted you and praying that Charles may find contentment.

Placing ourselves in the Hands of God to do with us as He Wills is the sure way to find peace.

Thank you for your prayers in my behalf and the kindness you have shown. In your charity please remember our missionaries especially those now in the Philippine Islands with your prayers. God love you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

(Rev.) Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 5, 1969

Mrs. Chester Hall
10626 Audry
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Dear Mrs. Hall:

With gratitude I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for Kittie Belle, and your generous donation for prayer cards.

The Holy Mass has been celebrated and I am keeping your intentions in my prayers.

Yes, I will now be able to devote more time to my "Lambs" by the grace of God. I am enclosing a few prayer cards for you and wish to thank you also for your good wishes and prayers.

God love you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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August 5, 1969

Sally M. Hull
2309 B Cedar Street
Alhambra, California 91801

Dear Sally:

With gratitude I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for Vern Wright and Darline Lockard.

The Holy Masses have been offered and both Vern and Darline have been in my prayers invoking the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Anthony Claret to obtain from Almighty God the graces we implore.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 19, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hurley
4803 Narrot Street
Torrance, California 90503

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hurley:

I wish to apologize for the delay in acknowledging receipt of your generous donation. May God bless you for your generosity.

I am always mindful of you and never forget you in my prayers.

May I ask your good prayers for our missionaries.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 20, 1969

Miss Barbara Irwin
1690 West 31st Place, Apt. 210
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Miss Irwin:

Thank you for your kind letter and lottery tickets.

As I explained to Lady Evelyn Gavin, I will not be able to go to Cleveland this time.

I am grateful for your good wishes and I shall remember you in my prayers.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 29, 1969

Mrs. Dorothy Harvey
8962 Pebble Beach Circle
Westminster, California 92683

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for Charles. Thank you for your generous offering.

I was so happy to learn Charles is doing so well. Please give him my regards, and my regards to all.

I shall continue to remember your intentions in my prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 29, 1969

Mrs. Mason Hohl
732 South Beverly Glen
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Mrs. Hohl:

Harry Gillick has been remembered in the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass and I am praying for him.

I shall be so happy to see you at Holy Mass
and welcome you as a member of our St. Anthony
Claret Guild.

Commending myself to your prayers,

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 29, 1969

Brother Hugo
2464 East Ojai Avenue
Ojai, California 93023

Dear Brother:

I was so happy to receive your letter and good wishes for the beautiful feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Likewise I was so happy to learn Brother Lawrence is at the hospital in Apple Valley, and my prayers are with him.

I am praying for you and your great apostolate and am grateful for your prayers in my behalf.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

The Claretian Guild of Mary's Immaculate Heart met at the Provincial House on Thursday, October 2, 1969. Three decades of the rosary were recited before Mass, at 10 A.M.

Father Aloysius' celebration of the Mass of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, was again an experience of great spiritual insight and interior revelation.

In his homily, Father called our attention to the wealth of spiritual material available to us during the month of October because of the many wonderful feasts. Today's feast of the Guardian Angels, tomorrow the feast of the Little Flower; on the 7th, the feast of the Holy Rosary; on the 11th, the Maternity of the Blessed Mother. Then, on the 12th, that of Our Lady of the Pillar. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima, on the 13th, commemorating the wonderful miracle of the sun, the last to be performed at Fatima. The 15th gives us the feast of St. Theresa of Jesus; our own St. Anthony Mary Claret on the 23rd, and on the 24th, that of the holy angel, St. Raphael; with the ending of the month of October celebrating the feast of and honoring Christ, the King. With the whole month of October dedicated to the Holy Rosary, it is filled with a wealth of spiritual food for us.

First of all, he said, he wished to speak to us of our Guardian Angels. Each one of us, whether Catholic or not - all mankind - is given a guardian angel at the moment of conception. He accompanies us from that moment throughout our lives to the very moment we are taken before God for the private judgment which will decide our fate, our destiny for all eternity; for a happy eternity in heaven, or a dreadful eternity in hell.

Our guardian angel will take with him the Book of Life in which is recorded all of our good deeds. The bad angel will follow with the Book of Death in which the devil has entered all the misdeeds with which he wishes to accuse us. Many of these things will be wrongly attributed to us by the devil because he is guided by the outward or exterior signs which might be interpreted either as good or bad. God alone can penetrate into our minds and hearts. He does, however, give our guardian angel the privilege of access and entrance into the secret chambers of our intentions, allowing him to enter into our minds and the decisions of our will. We should reverence our guardian angels, for their dignity and great obedience. Much of humanity has such a disregard for angels. Angel means messenger. They take our place before God, acting as messengers from God to us, and taking our messages back to God.

The angels belong to the lowest of the nine hierarchies in heaven. Devils were once angels, created in heaven. At their creation, they were given a test by Almighty God. To possess God and heaven, with certain merit, they were obliged to do something for God. Those who passed the test - one of obedience and humility - would be firmly established in heaven. Lucifer, one of the most beautiful among them, belonging to the highest seraphic choir, thought himself so brilliant and mighty, rebelled when tested, and carried with him one third of the created angels. This rebellion of angels affected all of the hierarchies of angels.

They rebelled against God, their Creator, in His own heaven. God, in His wrath, at this rebellion of the angels, transformed them from the beautiful creatures they were into the most hideous and horrible creatures to behold. They were immediately hurled from the happiness of heaven into hell, which was then and there created for them, to remain there forever.

Now, we were created to occupy the thrones left vacant by those angels, according to our merits. Those who attain great sanctification in life will occupy the highest places of the thrones; and so on, down to the lowest. Ever since creation, God has been filling these vacant positions in heaven - and still, there are many, many places open. This is a sign the world is going to last many thousands of years yet, because it takes time to populate heaven, with the millions of places, beyond human calculation, still to be filled.

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What a horrible thought to contemplate - this rebellion of the angels against the God who created them. Because God created us to occupy these places left vacant by the angels, the devil, envious of us, loses no opportunity to try to keep us from enjoying the Paradise lost to him.

When God created Paradise for Adam and Eve, He created it with the intention all creation was meant to enjoy itself - without work - without care. Flowers would bloom, trees would produce fruit - all creation would produce for our first parents - without any effort on their part. All the animals were called by name by Adam and Eve, and they enjoyed their friendship. The animals responded to them with great affection until they sinned. God walked with our first parents, talking to them, and they to Him. It was intended that when the time came for them to enter into the Paradise of Heaven, it would not occur through death, but through a pleasant transition in an untroubled sleep.

If they had remained innocent, we never would have committed any sin personally. But the devil, envious of their happiness, prevailed on Eve, through one of the animals, the serpent, to commit sin and have Adam also disobey. Because of their infidelity, they were banished from Paradise, losing all of the happiness they possessed, and being subject to infirmities and death, and all the miseries resulting from the loss of sanctifying grace.

Because of this, we needed a Redeemer - a God, who at the same time would be man, to redeem us; and the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity offered himself and came to this earth, to live here, suffer and die for us, to redeem us from original sin, and our actual sins.

The saints were very fond of their guardian angels. Many enjoyed the intimacy of converse with them, and the privilege of their visible presence. In one of his elocutions, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, gave an excellent talk on the guardian angels, stating he felt the visible presence of his guardian angel when he was small. Many of you, possibly, have also. The visible presence of guardian angels to children is not uncommon.

Our guardian angel is always with us to inspire us with good thoughts, good intentions and deeds. He is quite silent when we fail in these respects. Today, on his feast, we should resolve to be mindful of our guardian angel and devoted to him. Our guardian angel walks on our right. St. Philip Neri, who felt the visible presence of his angel, was told, after his ordination, that his angel would walk on his left side from then on, since he was now a priest.

St. Anthony Mary Claret enjoyed the presence of his angel many times, in many ways. One of our Claretian fathers, soon to be canonized, Father James Clodet, enjoyed the visible presence of his guardian angel. St. Michael, captain of the good angels, was given to St. Anthony Mary Claret to be his special angel because of his fortitude.

If we are given important posts in the Church, or in society, we are given extra angels to help us, in addition to our guardian angel. No doubt, the Holy Father has a multitude of angels, some very powerful ones, to help him. Every house, home, nation, city and town has a guardian angel. We should pray not only to our own angels, but to the angels of the members of our family, and thank them for the security they have provided many times in keeping us from certain death by their presence. Death would occur in many accidents except for our guardian angels. Because of them, such tragedies are averted. When we return from a trip, we should thank our guardian angel for his assistance.

Guardian angels are so forgotten by men. They are the forgotten guests in our homes; we are such unmindful hosts to our noble guests. Let us amend our lives and promise to be more mindful of them from now on. Wouldn't it be sad when we get to heaven to be approached by our guardian angel and asked "Where were you? When I was beside you, you never invoked me". They should feel this way about us, but they don't, because they have our welfare always uppermost. The more we talk to our guardian angel, the

more security we feel. Sometimes, when people suffer from mental depression, and really have no reason to, it is pitiful. They should realize their guardian angel is with them, constantly helping them, consoling them. We should realize what a privilege it is to have them with us at all times.

We should pray to all the angels and saints. Because we will be filling the spaces of the lost angels, we are going to find ourselves scattered among all the divisions of angels. We had better start getting acquainted with our angels every day here on earth. Let us prepare ourselves for our life with them by being devoted to them. Not only to our own guardian angels but to all of them around us, in our homes, of people around us - of all mankind; to angels of non-catholics that they may receive the necessary graces for their salvation through the inspiration they receive from them. Whether people be baptized or not, they belong to the soul of the Church.

It is regrettable that many people are so unconcerned about angels; that they are so tepid toward them. We should be the warmest of companions to our guardian angels. We don't have to see them; our spirits can be with them. Jacob, escaping from his brother Esau, in a dream, saw a tall white ladder reaching from earth to the very heavens, with angels coming from heaven with gifts and graces obtained from Almighty God for us, and going back to heaven with our prayers and acts of worship of His Divine Majesty. Let us imagine this beautiful ladder with the angels constantly coming and going.

The Roman matron, Cecilia, enjoyed the visible presence of her angel. Because of the position of her parents, she was required to marry; and when the Roman nobleman wished to consummate the marriage, she told him "I have a guardian angel who is the custodian of my body and, if you could but see him, you would not dare to touch me". He thought her a bit demented, and felt maybe she spoke of some god or goddess of the Romans to whom she might be attached. At the earnest prayer of Cecilia, her guardian angel appeared to Valerian, a pagan. He was so awed by this vision, he asked for baptism. Cecilia's virginity was preserved by her guardian angel.

Father said he wanted to speak to us of many things, but couldn't let this chance go today to speak to us of our guardian angels. In today's Mass of the Eternal High Priest, he asked us to thank the Father for having created the angels, and given us our angels; to tell Him we are sorry for our neglect, and of our resolution to be devoted to them. Waiting for those happy days in eternity, let us do our best to be good to our guardian angels so that we may communicate with them in eternity - not in the visible means we now employ to communicate with others, but by instantaneous flashes of consciousness so that the angels will be able to tell us so much in an instant.

At the conclusion of Mass, the "Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary" and "My Daily Prayer for Priests", were recited.

Another wonderful privilege followed, with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. What marvelous graces must be ours at times like this and how grateful we should be to Our Lord for His great love for us in this Divine Presence.

After Benediction, Father Aloysius came from the vestry to tell us of some great news. On September 13, 1969, he went to see a woman, named Helen Marlow, of North Hollywood, who was in the Cedars of Lebanon hospital. She was suffering from an inoperable cancer of the liver; she was terribly bloated all over and suffering intensely. Father applied a relic of St. Anthony Mary Claret to her side, asking his and the Blessed Mother's intercession on behalf of this lady. Instantly, she was relieved of suffering, her temperature went down, and her swelling decreased, and continued to decrease; and, for the first time in two weeks, she was able to eat with relish any and all food which they brought to her. God, in His goodness and compassion, saw fit to cure this woman. Father was present at this miracle. When the Jewish doctors saw this, they had no medical

explanation for the cure. One of them asked what it was that had been placed on her -- was it a medal -- and he was told it was a relic of St. Anthony Mary Claret. The lady promptly told the doctor that if he would give her a Jewish medal she would place it on her other side.

Father asked us to invoke the Claretian's good patron and founder, St. Anthony Mary Claret, and to ask him to again be present in the hospitals as he had been years before. Invoke him with confidence, tell him we trust in him and count on him as our loving father. He told us a novena to honor St. Anthony Mary Claret would begin at the Plaza church on October 15th, at 7:30 P.M., to continue daily through October 23rd, the feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret. He urged all come and bring their friends.

We concluded our chapel visit with the recitation of the two decades of the rosary; after which all gathered in the dining room to partake of a lunch, and enjoy another very satisfying and enlightening dialogue with Father.

Mrs. Fling, our President, thanked Father for the wonderfully inspiring and spiritual message which he gave us today. She welcomed everyone and said she was so happy to see so many new faces, and hoped she would see all of them on succeeding first Thursdays of the month.

She wished to impress on the group the great need to pray for priests throughout the world. She also urged us to pray for those claiming to be Catholic, who never go into a church, or receive the sacraments. Reach out to them and let them know God is not dead as attested to by the miracle which Father related to us. God certainly was there since the cure was instantaneous. God does listen to our prayers and those of his angels and saints. We know He has heard Father's prayers many times when he has prayed for all of us, on bended knee, through the day and night. We have experienced the efficacy of his prayers in our lives and families.

Think of God -- bring about the savings of souls by saying that beautiful prayer "Jesus, Mary, I love you, save souls". Say it often during the day and when you retire at night, ask your guardian angel to continue saying it for you.

She hoped all would attend Mass and receive Communion on the 11th of October, and offer it up for the success of the Synod of Bishops opening in Rome.

Father told us he was the Director of the Blue Army and L.A.M.B. in San Diego. He said he would be at a Holy Hour this evening at St. Joseph's Cathedral there, with Mass following at midnight. We were encouraged to belong to the Blue Army as well as to the Claretian auxiliaries, so that the requests of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima would be fulfilled -- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, recitation of the five decades of the Rosary, and the wearing of the cloth scapular. Lucia says this is what was asked of her, and it was confirmed by our Holy Father, Paul VI. The medal, which is a substitute for the scapular, has all the faculties to gain release from purgatory quickly, and avoidance of hell. We were asked to make the extra sacrifice to wear the cloth scapular so full of blessings confirmed in the lives of the saints.

In exhuming the remains of St. Alphonsus Ligouri, they barely found his bones, but did find the cloth scapular. In this way, Our Lord made known St. Alphonsus' great love for the scapular. Father continued he wished to be the propagator of the full message at Fatima, which included wearing of the cloth scapular. He further stated that the Blessed Mother did not ask for the making of the first Saturdays -- that is attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion. Though they are not one of the conditions requested, they are of great spiritual benefit to us.

Because St. Anthony Mary Claret was such an apostle of the cloth scapular and the rosary, he is to be made the official patron of the Blue Army, in Fatima, in October, 1970.

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Mr. Haffert said he was astounded at the prophesies which St. Anthony made of all the things which our Blessed Mother revealed some 100 years later at Fatima. He said he felt St. Anthony Mary Claret deserved the honor of being proclaimed the patron of the Blue Army. His statue is already on the right hand side of the Blessed Mother at Fatima. This coming year, 1970, the centennial of his death will be celebrated at the Trappist Monastery in Font Froide, France, where he died. There will be a pilgrimage, under the direction of Mr. Haffert, on this occasion. Celebrations will take place on the 23rd, the feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret, on the 24th, the day of his death, and on the 25th, the day of his burial. Because of the great feast of St. Raphael which we celebrate on the 24th, the Church advanced the feast of St. Anthony to the 23rd. The pilgrimage will then continue to Lourdes and other sacred shrines. Should anyone wish to make the pilgrimage, it was suggested they get in touch with Mr. Haffert, at the Ave Maria Institute, Washington, N.J. 07882, to make the necessary arrangements.

He continued, the purpose of this Guild, dedicated as it is to pray for priests, is most important, since one hears every day of someone leaving the Church. The forthcoming Synod of Bishops convening in Rome on the 11th can be very successful for the Church, or it can be the beginning of a great tragedy. Let us pray that the dissidents, who do not agree with the Pope, may have the humility to bow their heads, to bow their wills to that of the Holy Father. There is a great danger, even among bishops and cardinals, that they may be declared heretics and schismatics. The Holy Father is going to decide things clearly, and since this matter is most important before the Almighty God, let us pray that things will be most acceptable to God.

Tomorrow, on the feast of the Little Flower, may she shower you with many graces, he said. Remember the novena to St. Anthony Mary Claret. I will be preaching every night, he continued. Bring as many friends with you as you can, as this is going to be a manifestation of our love for St. Anthony Mary Claret. He has been forgotten for a while, and we would like to bring him back and place him on the pedestal of glory he deserves. He continued with the wish that the Eternal High Priest would reward all for their efforts, fervor, sacrifices and deep piety. He expressed his deepest thanks to all.

The meeting closed with a prayer of thanksgiving, and the imparting of Father's priestly blessing. He announced his availability in his office for anyone wishing to see him privately.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Dorothy Harvey
8962 Pebble Beach Circle
Westminster, California 92683

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

Thank you so much for your beautiful letter. Yes,
God is so good.

You will all be in my prayers especially during the
Solemn Novena in honor of our holy Founder, St.
Anthony Claret, beginning October 15.

May I ask you to pray for my needs and the needs of
all the Claretian Fathers here in America. May God
bless you.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Frances Hall
10626 Audry Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Gratefully I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for Fred's mother and Marie. Thank you very much.

You may write to Lady Evelyn Gavin, 10801 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105, about the Pilgrimage to Rome.

I am praying for you and your intentions and will remember you especially during the Solemn Novena in honor of our holy Founder, Saint Anthony Claret beginning October 15.

Please pray for me and all our missionaries. May God bless you.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

October 13, 1969

Catherine Hochderffer
3975 Ingraham Street
Los Angeles, California 90005

Dear Catherine:

Gratefully I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for Gertrude Evans.

I am praying for your intentions and shall remember you especially during the Solemn Novena in honor of our holy Founder, St. Anthony Claret, beginning October 15.

May I ask you to please pray for me and all our missionaries. May God bless you.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Sherod Harris
1928 Colebrook Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Thank you for your letter requesting my prayers.

I am sorry your nerves cause you so much trouble.
I am praying for your health and shall remember you
especially during the Solemn Novena in honor of Saint
Anthony Claret, our holy Founder, beginning October 15.

God has a way of sanctifying all of us and each one
in a different way. Our aim must be sanctification on
earth and salvation in Heaven.

May I ask you to please pray for me and all our mission-
aries. May God bless you.

Sincerely in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

November 10, 1969

Theresia Hubel
4611 West Broadway, Apt. A
Hawthorne, California 90250

Dear Theresia:

I regret the delay in acknowledging your kind letter and generous offering. Thank you very much.

You may be assured of my prayers in your behalf. May St. Anthony Claret always intercede for you.

Please pray for me and our missionaries. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

November 10, 1969

Mr. Jerry Herring
P. O. Box 651
Pasadena, Texas 77501

Dear Mr. Herring:

Thank you for your kind letter requesting my prayers.

You may be sure I am praying for the persons mentioned in your letter and for your intentions.

Your prayers for me and our missionaries would be most appreciated.

May God bless you.

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Let us show homage and gratitude to our ancestors who have been responsible in our Christian Catholic education. They would be so happy to befriend you. You would be the recipients of many benefits because these ancestors of yours see you more clearly, and know you more distinctly than when they were on earth. Through the grace of God, they see all your needs, even the most hidden intentions of your mind. God makes those who were close to us, and who are now in heaven, see all of our needs as in a limpid mirror. We don't have to tell them what we need, they are aware of our needs.

Today, in the Holy Mass, as you remember them, your best wishes for them will be returned to you more than a hundredfold with actual graces which they will obtain for you from God. The wonderful dispositions with which you will return home today will be mostly of your own beloved, transformed into saints of God. They will continue to help you, and be able to help you now more than they could when on earth, by praying for you, interceding for you and doing all they can to obtain and bestow on you, from the Almighty God, the best that you need. It is wonderful how, in this way, we honor, thank and worship God in the saints.

One of the greatest things Protestants have against us is that we honor the saints. They think we worship them. A Protestant minister visited me in the church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in San Antonio, Texas. I could detect that he was well meaning, that he had a good heart, that he was seeking the right light. There in the church, beside the altar, was a beautifully carved, oversize, heroic size they call it, statue of the Immaculate Heart, recently imported from Spain. The beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother was called to his attention, and I asked him to just listen for a few moments and he would see and understand our attitude toward the Blessed Mother and the saints. I said, 'You are a minister of great culture. Should you write something, and have that work praised or extolled, or produce a great piece of sculpture which would be displayed in a very special manner in the city, or the nation, and receive great praise and acclamation, the praise bestowed on these accomplishments would be shared by you, their creator. So, God, who is a terrific sculpturer, had made marvelous images, living sculptures representing Him, and these we call saints. Saints are saints because God gave them so much. When we honor the saints which God made from the vessels of earth, from miserably weak men and women, transforming them marvelously through His great infinite ability, and we view them in the galleries, our mind goes to their maker, and we admire and honor their maker. At the same time, we think of the living sculptures, transformed in spite of their misery, in spite of their sinfulness before, into such marvelous creations of His greatness, His goodness, His wisdom; living copies of Himself, of His omnipotence. So, why shouldn't we admire these statues. We as Catholics, as Christians, both of us one in Christ, both of us brothers in Christ, must see that Christ had produced His masterpiece in the Blessed Virgin. If we admire the sculpture, how much more should we admire the real living statue made by God through the work of His omnipotent hands. We should share with God His own joy in His saints, admiring His greatest work in the world, the transformation of weak, sinful people into saints.' He said he thought this a good explanation and the right approach to those who haven't the proper attitude, and such an antagonism toward any statues or representations of the saints.

Let us honor God for being so masterly in the accomplishing of the saints, particularly of the transformation of those people, our own ancestors, into saints of God.

When Michael Angelo finished the heroic sized statue of Moses, he looked it over and found everything perfect. He was so proud of his work, he said, "Nos speak! That is all you need now, you are so perfect". As he made this exclamation, he accidentally swung the mallet with such force that he chipped a piece out of the knee of Moses. When we honor the maker of this great work, how much more should we honor the great artist, God, who has made such marvelous things out of human beings, as we say in the Introit of the saints.

They say of Murillo that he was a masterly artist with oils, and he painted the

thirteenth station beautifully and vividly in the Cathedral of Seville. He used to come there every afternoon and spend hours looking at his production. He was in artistic ecstasy looking at the Blessed Mother and would say "I am waiting for them to un-nail Christ and place Him in the arms of the Blessed Mother". The sacristan used to tell him 'Get out of here, I have so much to do', and he would plead with him 'Oh, let me stay a while longer because I want to see Him completely un-nailed and see the Blessed Mother receive Him in her motherly arms'. If these artists were so taken up with their accomplishments, how much more God should be in His saints.

May God, in this holy Mass today, shed much grace upon each one of you through the invocation of the saints of your own families. We should, in our lives, imitate our ancestors in their goodness, in their religion, in their sanctity. We should strive to allow the Holy Spirit to finish the work of sanctification in us so that we will all turn out to be saints, each different, as one statue is from the other.

The saints, who are our intercessors, will, one day, be our companions in the beatific vision of God. May all of us have great association with all the saints in heaven, with the saints of our own families. Our own family saints may not be as high in heaven as some, but they are there called by the Almighty God to take care of us. If your own Mother is in heaven, she will assist you immediately. She may, or may not, be higher than some of the other saints but, the fact she is your mother, she is going to take the best care of you. Invoke her, invoke her in preference to many of the other saints. Invoke the other members of your family, after the Blessed Mother who, after all, is everything to us, after Jesus. Converse often with the saints of your own family in heaven and you will find ready answers; ask them for graces to be better children of God each day, to help us prepare ourselves for God's service.

May all of you, through the Mass today of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, be drawn closer and closer to Him.

At the conclusion of Mass, we were privileged to have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament where our consciousness was centered on the great gift of grace from and blessing of God Himself.

Then the "Daily Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary" was recited and the three concluding decades of the rosary were prayed. Father Aloysius imparted his priestly blessing individually to all in the chapel.

The group then assembled in the recreation room where we enjoyed a nice lunch and get-together.

Mrs. Fling, our President, wishing to call our attention to the great problems which priests throughout the world are facing, and the particular problems of our own Claretian priests are having in keeping the seminaries going in these very expensive times, asked our cooperation in making a Novena to St. Joseph asking his intercession in their behalf so that the necessary funds would be forthcoming, and continue flowing to keep this great work going. She explained and distributed the Novena to St. Joseph, describing the way in which it is to be made. She said it is found to be a most efficacious Novena, and hoped all of us would continue to make it, every day, until we meet again in December.

An appeal for toys and candy was made for children in the parish of Father Thomas, a Claretian. Toys and candy to be brought to the next meeting.

Father Aloysius thanked everyone for coming, stating he was most happy to see such a goodly number present. He hoped each one would continue to come in the future.

He said he hoped this year would be the very best for our sanctification, and our preparation for the coming of Christ, and wished for us the nicest and holiest Christmas. He urged us to pray for all the souls all over the world because conditions are very bad. He particularly emphasized the need for all to be careful when on the streets, even in their homes and apartments, particularly those living alone, to protect themselves, to be prudent. He felt the message timely, since there is so much evil about. To have the protection of Our Lord, he told us to commend ourselves to St. Raphael, the patron of travelers, to the Blessed Mother, whenever we go out. He added, May all of you be freed by the Almighty God and be spared any evil attacks, such as recently suffered by two elderly gentlemen, members of one of the Guilds.

He welcomed Martha Kanthak back and said everyone was so happy to have her with us again.

Meeting closed with Father's blessing of religious articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

December 31, 1969

Mrs. Florence Hedge
7915 Fordham Road
Los Angeles, California 90045

Dear Mrs. Hedge:

I regret the delay in acknowledging your kind letter and offering for the 1968 and 1969 Christmas Cards. Thank you very much.

Perhaps you can help me now as your request for 1969 cards was overlooked and as you know were not sent. I will gladly refund the two dollars you sent for the cards or send the cards to you. What do you suggest? I apologize for this oversight.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Haggerty
Apartment 1006W
4201 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty:

Thank you very much for the beautiful Christmas Greetings
and for your kind note regarding Mr. Leonard which brought
so much joy to me and gratitude to Almighty God for His
great goodness.

I am most grateful for your very generous donation. May
God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy,
Holy New Year.

Sincerely yours in the
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Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

December 31, 1969

Mr. James C. Herring, Jr.
P. O. Box 31
Waco, Texas

Dear Jerry:

I sincerely regret the delay in replying to your letter of last month. Please forgive me.

You and your intentions are remembered in my prayers. I do hope that you will remember to say a prayer for me too.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Harding
1528 Spurgeon
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Harding:

I regret the great delay in acknowledging your kind letter of last month. I was happy to learn the birthday party was a complet~~e~~ success and joyous occasion.

A visit from you would always be welcome. In the meantime, I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

Sincerely yours in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

December 31, 1969

Mrs. Ann Holcomb
1930 Cambridge
Orange, California 92667

Dear Mrs. Holcomb:

I wish to thank you for your Christmas Greetings and to assure you of my prayers for your intentions.

Please remember me too with your prayers. May God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Rose B. Hansen
P. O. Box 5612
Sherman Oaks, California 91413

Dear Rose:

It is indeed a little late to be thanking you for your Thanksgiving Greetings and generous offering. Nevertheless, my sincere thanks and please forgive the delay.

It will be my privilege to remember you specially in my prayers. May God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Brother Hugo, O.H.
2464 East Ojai Avenue
Ojai, California 93023

Dear Brother:

I am a little late in answering your kind note written in October.

If you tried to reach me on the Feast of St. Anthony Claret, I was no doubt at Our Lady Queen of the Angels (Old Plaza) concluding the Solemn Novena in honor of our Holy Founder. We had a very good attendance at the novena services and I'm certain our dear Saint obtained many graces from Almighty God for those who joined us with their prayers.

Was sorry to have missed you when you were in Los Angeles. Your prayers in my behalf are most appreciated.

I offer my prayers for you specially in your decision regarding the property on West Adams, that God may show the way to you, and extend my good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Mrs. Sherod Harris
1928 Colebrook
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

Dear Mrs. Harris:

I wish to apologize for the delay in acknowledging your kind letter and novena petitions.

Your intentions are remembered in our prayers. May Saint Anthony Claret always intercede for you and obtain from Almighty God the graces you desire.

Thank you for your generous novena offering. It will help to lessen the many needs of our missionaries in the Philippines. They are also counting on your prayers. Do continue to remember them. May God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Mrs. Anna Hildebrand
1364 West 114th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Dear Mrs. Hildebrand:

Gratefully I acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for your husband, Raymond. I apologize for the delay in answering your request.

You are both remembered in my prayers. May God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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December 31, 1969

Mrs. Tillie Hare
4746 Kraft Street
North Hollywood, California 91602

Dear Tillie:

Although this letter is long overdue I wish to acknowledge receipt of your stipend for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for the following intentions:

- (3) Our Holy Father's intentions, holiness and health
- (3) Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially Thomas
- (3) Thanksgiving for favors and crosses
- (3) For holiness and return to the Church for all fallen

Also I wish to express my gratitude for your generous donation in thanksgiving for the Novena in honor of St. Anthony ~~Claret~~. As you know I am most grateful to you for all your kindness. May God bless you.

I offer my prayers and good wishes to you for a very Happy, Holy, New Year.

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PURITY OF INTENTION

1. Do I make the good intention immediately upon rising, and renew it from time to time during the day? This practice will make the intention as actual as possible in all our works.
2. Do I ever seek myself instead of God in any of my activities? Do anything for the sake of gaining the praise of others, to induce them to esteem me more highly, to make them like me, to be more popular, to establish or increase my reputation?
3. Do I ever follow my own tastes, wishes, inclinations, or feelings instead of the known will of God?
e.g. a) act from passion: anger dislike, envy?
b) fail to act because of human respect, fear of personal consequences, lack of energy?
4. Do I keep God's glory foremost in the fulfillment of my duties? Act merely humanly or as His instrument; waste opportunities for pleasing Him; attend to human prudence instead of to the infused virtue of prudence?
5. Do I act in such a way as to attract the attention or seek the applause of others? Excuse myself or justify myself when misjudged?
6. Do I show discontent or ill humor when thwarted in my intentions or projects? Does temper ever creep into my voice? Do I feel resentment when others fail to cooperate?
7. Do I follow the suggestions of self-love? Wish to attach others to myself? Desire consolations?
8. Does success unduly inflate, or failure discourage or dishearten me? (A certain amount of this is natural in the feelings, and may be expected as long as we are in the body. The point is: do I submit to it, let it influence my thoughts or actions?)
9. Do I seek what pleases, satisfies, or flatters my nature, senses, tastes, or curiosity, rather than the will of God? What is my motive in accepting the pleasant things that come my way?
10. When I fail, am I more affected by the humiliation to myself than at the offense given to God?
11. Do I realize that God would have me do everything for Him, and that I can never fully repay Him for what He has done for me?
12. Do I permit myself to be downcast when I seem to be making no progress in spite of all my efforts?

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CHAPLET IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

V) Come to my aid, O my God.

R) Lord please make haste to help me.

V) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R) As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Immaculate Virgin, who was conceived without sin, you directed every beat of your most pure heart to the love of God. Obtain for me a true hatred for sin and to live in perfect resignation to the holy will of God.

(Say One Our Father and seven Hail Mary's to the Heart of Mary with the following invocation: V) Heart pierced with pain and sorrow,

R) Set my heart aglow with love of God.)

Mary, I marvel at the deep humility of your blessed heart when the Archangel Gabriel announced to you that you were the chosen mother of the Son of the Most High. At the sight of my pride I ask you to obtain for me the grace of a contrite and humble heart, that knowing my misery, I may obtain that crown of glory promised to those that are humble of heart.

(Say the prayers as prescribed above.)

Mary ever Virgin, you kept the precious words of your son Jesus in your most sweet heart, meditating upon the many mysteries that they contained. O dearest Mother, obtain for me the graces that I need so that I may follow in your footsteps by keeping faithfully God's Law, practicing all the Christian virtues, and loving God with my whole heart.

(As above)

Queen of martyrs, whose heart was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the bitter passion of Jesus, obtain for my heart holy patience so that I may bear all the troubles and sufferings of this life with a resigned heart for the love of God. Instill into my heart true

LOVING ASPIRATIONS TO, THE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, my most loving Mother, deign to receive the love of my heart wounded by your love. I recognize you as the most loving being after God and say to you most fervently:

August Mother of God,	
My Lady and Queen,		I
My most sweet Mother,		l
My life, my sweetness, and my hope,		o
My loving co-redemptrix,		v
My patroness and my advocate,		e
My mistress and sheperdess,		y
The joy and happiness of my soul,		o
All my treasure after Jesus,		u
My heart and my soul,		w
Because God made your Heart so holy,		i
Because God made your Heart so good,		t
Because God made your Heart so beautiful and full of grace,		h
Because made your Heart so loving and compassionate,		a
Because God made your Heart so great and humble,		l
Because God made your Heart so wise and so powerful,		l
Because God made your Heart so perfect in all virtues,		m
For the infidels that do not know you,		y
For the heretics who have always been your enemies,		h
For those who have lost their devotion to you,	
For unhappy reprobates condemned never to love you,		t

For your eternal predestination,	
For your Immaculate Conception and the admirable privileges		.
granted from that moment,		.
For your absolute preservation from all sin,		.
For your perpetual virginity,		.
For your Divine maternity,		.
For your Immaculate Heart,		.
For the resurrection and asumption of your body and soul		.
into heaven,		.
For the glory which you now enjoy,		;
For the love which all the christians on earth and all the angles.		.
and saints in heaven bear you,		.
For the miricles which God works to glorify your heart		.
For the greatness of your heart which reigns above all angels		.
and men,		.
(To the above respond; I rejoice and honor you my	
sweetest mother).....;		

That I may love you exceedingly,		
That I may love you always,		
That I may imitate you and become a better child of your heart,		
That I may win many hearts to your love,		
That I may die with your name on your lips and your love		
in my heart,		
That I may be very near to you in heaven,		
(To the above respond: I pray you my sweetest mother).....		

PIOUS EXERCISE FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Kneeling before you dear mother, weighed down by my many sins and faults, I beg you to ask God pardon for them. It is my desire to repay all the wrongs that I have committed against the Heart of Jesus and your most pure heart. I want to make reparation with this act of love and humble submission, for all the blasphemies committed against the Holy Name of Jesus and your name. Accept this act of filial love together with the firm resolve to promote and be faithful to the Heart of Jesus and your Immaculate Heart. Grant me loving Mother to live and grow incessantly in your holy love until I see it consumed in glory. Amen.

(Three Hail Marys in honor of the wisdom and mercy of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which is so often forgotten by men.)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, have pity on us.

Refuge of sinners, pray for us.

Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation.

(One Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, for the the Pope and all his intentions.)

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Most loving Jesus, I firmly believe that you instituted this Sacrament of Penance for the purpose of washing our souls from the stains of sin. By the infinite love which your Heart showed in the institution of the sacrament and through the intercession of the pure heart of Mary, I beseech you to awaken in me the memory of my sins, their gravity and malice.. Infuse me with a true sorrow for having committed them and grant me a strong purpose of amendment so that I may receive this holy sacrament with all the due dispositions, obtain all the fruits it produces in well-disposed souls, and all the affects of your mercy. Amen.

(Chaplet of the Immaculate Heart con't.)

courage so that I may crucify my flesh and follow a life of mortification. Help me Mary, to show myself a faithful son of your heart.

(As above)

Mystical Pose, your heart burned with true charity when you accepted us as sons at the foot of the cross. Let me feel the tenderness of your maternal heart and the power that it has with Jesus. When I am menaced with the temptations of this life and especially at the hour of my death, unite my heart with yours so that I may love Jesus as best as I can and be happy with Him forever. Amen.

(As above)

(Let us turn to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus that He may inflame us with His holy love and say the following prayer.)

O Divine Heart of Jesus, I consecrate myself to you in gratitude for all the blessings that I have received from your most bontiful heart from the first moment of my life. I addition to this I thank you for having given me your most holy mother Mary as my mother and protectress. Let my heart ever burn with love for you, finding in your sweetest Heart its peace, refuge, and its happiness.

(Indulgence of 300 days, once a day; plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. Pious IX, Dec.11,1854)

PRAYER TO CONSECRATE AN INFANT TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(The consecration is usually performed thus: From the baptistry the child is taken immediately to the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and the parents together, if possible, should recite the formula of consecration. The child will thus become a son of Mary's Heart. The priest may assist the consecration if he wishes to do so. If it is impossible to do this immediately after the baptismal ceremony, the child may be brought to the church any time after it is baptised, but is it grratly desired that it be done as expressed above.)

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, to your motherly heart, the channel of all graces, we consecrate this child whom we have received from God's goodness. We offer him to you so that you might present him to your divine son, take him under your motherly protection, and preserve him from all dangers. Keep him from all sin and make him grow strong in piety and in all virtues so that he may be always be worthy to be called your child. May he grow every day in wisdom and ingrace, and may he go through life having you always as his refuge and his mother. In him may all virtues shine forth and being faithful to God and to you, may he never offend your Heart. Let the Eternal Father always look upon him with delight and see in him a ray and reflection of your immaculate beauty.

And as today he gladdens our home, so may he some day gladden the eternal home which we pray will be his. Amen.

(Loving aspirations to the Heart of Mary, con't.)

- V) Pray for us O holy Heart of Mary,
R) That we may love our Jesus more and more.

LET US PRAY

O Jesus, who made Mary so loving and who in the person of
St John gave her to us as our mother, deign to grant to those
who glory in being her sons a true love of God, who with you
and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.